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Declaration and Power of Attorney For Patent Application

English Language Declaration

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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled Species-Specific, Genus-Specific and Universal DNA Probes and Amplification Primers to Rapidly Detect and Identify Common Bacterial and Fungal Pathogens and Associated Antibiotic Resistance Genes from Clinical Specimens for Diagnosis in Microbiology Laboratories

the specification of which

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is attached hereto.

was filed on November 4, 1997 as United States Application No. or PCT International

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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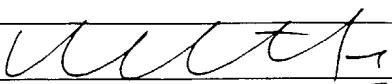
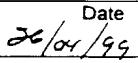
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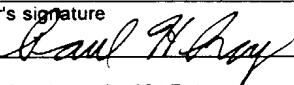
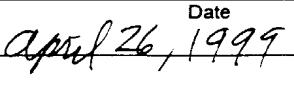
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